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Attorney Docket 029239-0104

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yorihito OKUDA et al.
Title: VEHICULAR AIR BAG DEVICE
Appl. No.: 10/085,124
Appl. Filing Date: 03/01/2002
Examiner: E. Culbreth
Art Unit: 3616

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[] Please enter and consider the Amendment and Reply previously filed on
March 23, 2004.

b. Enclosed are:

[] Amendment Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):					
Total Claims:	11	-	20 = 0	x \$18.00	= \$770.00
Independents	2	-	3 = 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
			First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:	+ \$290.00	= \$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	= \$770.00

[X] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	1	\$110.00
[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00		\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00		\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00		\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:		\$110.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL		\$110.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$880.00
[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
[] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$880.00

[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X] A check in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the RCE filing fee and one month extension of time is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Date April 30, 2004

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants request a one month extension of time to make the RCE and this Amendment Submission timely filed. The appropriate fee is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: